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1. Between September 1948 and the end of November 1950, virtually all troops seen in the streets of Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) were Soviet. Only a few Polish soldiers, who were apparently on furlough, were observed. The barracks installations in the city and about 40 percent of all private dwelling space were occupied or requisitioned by Soviet military personnel. Almost all buildings on Tebesiusstrasse, southwest of the railroad station, housed high-echelon Soviet offices, and a military court. Marshal Rokossovsky and his family previously lived on this street. [REDACTED] that a Soviet division had moved from Waldenburg (O 51/H 07) to Liegnitz in the summer of 1948. *

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2. The former German barracks installation on a ridge of hills southwest of the city, on the southeast side of the road to Goldberg (O 52/B 71), quartered Soviet tank troops. Thirty-two tanks were seen there on one day in the summer of 1950. About 25 of them had large bogie wheels and the remainder had small wheels; the tanks with the smaller bogie wheels were a heavier type. The guns mounted by both types of tanks projected far beyond the front.
3. The Grenadier Kaserne on the west side of Grenadierstrasse, the former Artillerie Kaserne on the northeast side of the road to Haynau (O 52/B 72) and the former Infanterie Kaserne in the northern sector of Haynau on the east side of the road to Luebben (O 52/B 84) and south of the railroad line, were all occupied by Soviet units. No details on the type of these units could be furnished.
4. The Nachrichten Kaserne on Immelmannstrasse, just north of the airfield, quartered Soviet Air Force personnel. Polish Air Force personnel occupied a small barracks building in the billeting area. The Nachrichten Kaserne was the only installation at the post, as far as source knew, that was partly occupied by Polish military personnel.
5. The former German main ration depot, in the northern sector of the city, on the west side of the road to Luebben and north of the railroad line, continued to be used as the main ration depot by the Soviets. Another Soviet ration supply depot was located in the sugar refinery, which was

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60 percent destroyed, on the southwestern corner of the airfield.

6. A factory manufacturing tank parts and containing a tank assembly department had been established by the Soviets in the former Teichert und Sohn factory on Kaiserstrasse, on the northwestern perimeter of the city. Several Germans working in the factory stated that all parts which were not manufactured on the premises arrived from the U.S.S.R., and that the tanks assembled in the factory were shipped out in all directions. The factory included several engine test stands which were operated 24 hours a day. **

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- * ~~Comment~~. The movement of a division headquarters from Waldenburg to Liegnitz in the summer of 1948 was previously reported by another resettler. ~~Elements of the division headquarters or units subordinate to it may have been integrated into the Hq Northern Group of Forces in Liegnitz or into GHQ units of the group.~~

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- * ~~Comment~~. The information on the location and occupation of the barracks installations in Liegnitz confirm previous statements by another resettler.

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